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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - MARCH 11

1. SUMMARY:

--COVERAGE OF THE US AND DETENTE IS A MIXED
BAG, WITH CAMPAIGN NEWS RECEIVING EMPHASIS;
--INCREASED SOVIET-BRITISH TRADE RECEIVES SUPPORT
FROM TWO SOURCES;
--GIEREK'S SPEECH TO WARSAW PARTY AKTIV IS
HIGHLIGHTED (SEPTTEL);
--TWO ARTICLES ON JAPAN DEAL WITH THE SINO-SOVIET
SPLIT WITHIN THE JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY, AND WITH
TOYKO'S INTENTIONS TO EXPORT WEAPONS;
--PRAVDA COMMENTARY ON INDIAN OCEAN LAMBASTS
PENTAGON, REPEATS CHALLENGE TO US TO FORSAKE BASES
(SEPTTEL);
--COVERAGE OF CHINA CONCENTRATES ON THE CONTRADICTIONARY
ASPECTS OF MAOISM;
--PRAVDA REPORTS THAT A SYMPOSIUM ON "THE
REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE IN LATIN AMERICA" TOOK PLACE DURING
THE CONGRESS, AND THAT SEVERAL LA DELEGATIONS TOOK
PART;
--AND AN ANALYSIS OF THE MOZAMBIQUE-RHODESIA
SITUATION HIGHLIGHTS THE RIGHTNESS OF MACHEL'S BORDER-
CLOSING DECISION, AND THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH
SALISBURY WILL HAVE TO ENDURE AS A RESULT. END
SUMMARY.

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WM U.S. AND DETENTE. PRAVDA MARCH 11 CARRIES A REA-
SONABLY STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORT OF THE FLORIDA PRIMARY
RESULTS, AND ADDS THAT REAGAN "PRACTICALLY LOST THE
POSSIBILITY OF ADVANCING HIS CANDIDACY TO THE POST OF
PRESIDENT." VREMYA TV EVENING NEWS PROGRAM MARCH 10
GAVE EXTRAORDINARILY DETAILED COVERAGE TO THE PRIMARY
RESULTS. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA MARCH 11 CARRIES AN EXTREMELY
HARSH POLITICAL BIOGRAPHY OF SENATOR JACKSON WHICH

PORTRAYS HIM AS A BORING SPEAKER WHOSE CAREER HAS RESTED ON THE PILLARS OF "OIL, AVIATION, AND ZIONISM". IT EMPHASIZES HIS LACK OF SUPPORT AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND CONTRASTS HIS POLICIES WITH THOSE OF THE U.S. KZ ALSO CARRIES A BLAND BIO OF AMBASSADOR SCRANTON, AND COMMENTS THAT EVERYONE HOPES HE WILL BE A MORE "DELICATE DIPLOMAT" THAN HIS PREDECESSOR. PRAVDA CARRIES EXCERPTS FROM A TASS INTERVIEW WITH GE BOARD CHAIRMAN JONES WHO REPORTEDLY STRESSED THE POSITIVE EFFECTS OF SOVIET-AMERICAN TRADE. PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS THE MEETING IN GENEVA OF THE SALT DELEGATIONS. THE SOVIET "PEACE PROGRAM" IS TOPIC OF PRAVDA'S CARTOON, AND IZVESTIYA'S FOREIGN POLICY EDITORIAL TOUTS THE "ORGANIC CONTINUATION" OF THE PEACE PROGRAM EMERGING FROM 25TH CONGRESS.

3. UNITED KINGDOM. PRAVDA CARRIES A BRIEF REPORT THAT PM WILSON REJECTED TORY CRITICISM OF IMPROVED UK-USSR TRADE TIES, AND CLAIMS THAT HE SAID "CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING A RANGE OF VERY BIG CONTRACTS" ARE BEING CONDUCTED. ALSO FROM LONDON, PRAVDA'S SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THAT REPRESENTATIVES OF BRITAIN'S BUSINESS WORLD HAVE CONVENED A SEMINAR IN NEWCASTLE TO DISCUSS THE ROLE OF ANGOL-SOVIET TRADE IN THE COMING SOVIET FIVE-YEAR PLAN. THE SEMINAR, ACCORDING TO PRAVDA, DEMONSTRATES THAT BRITISH BUSINESS CIRCLES ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE INCREASED ROLE OF THE USSR IN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR MOVEMENT, A PROGRAM WHICH IS SPECIFIED IN THE TENTH FIVE YEAR PLAN. COMMENT. BUILDING FOR GROMYKO VISIT HAS EVIDENTLY BEGUN DAY AFTER IT WAS ANNOUNCED. END COMMENT.

4. JAPAN. PRAVDA'S TOKYO CORRESPONDENT LATYSHEV WRITES ABOUT SPLITS IN THE JAPANESE SOCIALIST PARTY
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(JSP) BETWEEN THOSE WHO SUPPORT "THE DEVELOPMENT OF FRIENDLY TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION" AND THEIR "PRO PEKING OPPONENTS". THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT "THE MAJORITY OF DELEGATES" AT THE CURRENT 39TH JSP CONGRESS OPPOSED THE TERMS OF THE STATEMENT SIGNED LAST MAY BY CHAIRMAN NARITA IN PEKING, AND IT NOTES GENERAL SECRETARY ISHIBASHI'S DESCRIPTION OF THE STATEMENT AS AN "IMMATURE FORMULATION". THE PARTY'S "PLAN OF ACTION," SAYS LATYSHEV, CORRECTLY VALUES SOVIET DETENTE EFFORTS

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BUT ALSO REFERS TO THE "MAOIST" CONCEPTION OF THE "SUPERPOWERS". COMMENT. THIS NEGATIVE TREATMENT OF THE JSP BECAUSE OF THE PEKING STATMENT TRACKS WITH THE REPORT (TOKYO 3615 (NOTAL)) THAT THIS WAS WHY THE SOVIETS DID NOT INVITE THE JSP TO THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS. END COMMENT. IZVESTIYA CARRIES AN ARTICLE CALLED "WEAPONS FOR EXPORT," BY TOKYO CORRESPONDENT BANDURA, WHICH CRITICIZES JAPAN'S DECISION TO LIFT THE EMBARGO ON OVERSEAS SALES OF THE C-1 TRANSPORT PLANE AND THE UC-1 FLYING BOAT. PEKING, SAYS BANDURA, HAS ALREADY INDICATED ITS INTEREST IN BUYING 12 OF THE LATTER, AT A COST OF 200 MILLION DOLLARS, AS A PART OF ITS EFFORTS TO MODERNIZE ITS MILITARY POTENTIAL. THE RECENT ROLLS ROYCE ENGINE DEAL IS GIVEN AS AN INDICATION OF CHINA'S OBJECTIVES. BANDURA SAYS THAT SUCH SALES ARE MORE POLITICAL THAN ECONOMIC, AND HE CITES A NEW YORK TIMES COMMENT THAT THE NATO COUNTRIES HAVE DECIDED THAT THEIR OWN INTERESTS ARE SERVED BY HELPING CHINA IMPROVE ITS MILITARYMIGHT. HE CONCLUDES BY AGREEING WITH A "YOMIURI" COMMENT OPPOSING THE JAPANESE SALE. IZVESTIYA ALSO CARRIED A SHORT ARTICLE ON A "MASS MEETING" IN TOKYO CALLING FOR FULL DISCLOSURE ABOUT THE LOCKHEED PAY-OFF.

5. CHINA. IZVESTIYA CARRIES ANOTHER IN A CONTINUING SERIES OF ARTICLES CALLED "MAOISM WITHOUT MASKS". THIS ONE, ENTITLED "ECHO OF ONE CAMPAIGN", IS BY REGULAR ASIA COMMENTATOR A.TER-GRIGORYAN, AND DEALS WITH THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN WHICH HAS COME UP SINCE THE DEATH OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CHOU EN-LAI. THE WRITER NOTES THE SIMILARITY OF SOME OF THE SLOGANS WITH THOSE DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION, AND CITES SOME OF THE CHARGES HURLED AT TENG HSIAO-PING IN CURRENT WALL POSTERS. THE ARTICLE SAYS THAT THE PRESENT EVENTS DEMONSTRATE THE INCORRECTNESS OF "WESTERN" ASSESSMENTS OF CHINESE STABILITY AFTER THE CR AND CONCLUDES THAT "MAOISM AND STABILITY" ARE CONTRADIC-

TORY TERMS. PRAVDA CARRIES A REVIEW OF RECENT SOVIET DOCUMENTARY FILE ON CHINA, ESPECIALLY THE NEW ONE CALLED "BEWARE* MAOISM*" THE ARTICLE, BY A. KRUSHINSKIY, CITES BREZHNEV'S SPEECH AT THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS THAT MAOISM IS "DIRECTLY HOSTILE" TO MARXISM-LENINISM, AND CONTINUES TO THENEED TO "STRUGGLE AGAINST MAOISM". THESE FILMS SHOW THE "GREAT DANGER" OF MAOISM, AS WELL AS SYMPATHY FOR THE LONG-SUFFERING CHINESE PEOPLE, SAYS KRUSHINSKIY.

6. LATIN AMERICA. PRVADA REPORTS THAT ON MARCH 9 AND 10 THE SOVIET LATIN AMERICAN INSTITUTE HOSTED A CONFERENCE ON "THE PRESENT STAGE OF THE LIBERATION AND REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE IN LATIN AMERICA." SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN DELEGATES TO THE SOVIET PART CONGRESS REPORTEDLY TOOK PART, INCLUDING ECUADORIAN CP GENERAL SECRETARY PEDRO SAAD, WHO WAS GIVEN FIRST LISTING, AND PARTY LEADERS FROM PANAMA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA AND NICARAGUA.

7. MOZAMBIQUE. CENTRAL PRESS CARRIES A BRIEF REPORT THAT MACHEL INFORMED THE UN THAT HE HAS CLOSED THE BORDER WITH RHODESIA. IZVESTIYA CARRIES A LONGER REPORT BY V. KASSIS WHICH CONCENTRATES ON THE JUSTICE OF MOZAMBIQUE'S DECISION, AND HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPACT THIS MOVE WILL HAVE ON RHODESIA'S ECONOMY. KASSIS ALSO INCLUDES SOME REUTERS FIGURES WHICH SHOW THAT RHODESIA CAN MOBILIZE 55,000 MEN TO COMBAT ANY FUTURE GUERILLA WAR. HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY OF THESE, ACCORDING TO KASSIS, ARE POLICE RESERVISTS AND NOT REGULAR TROOPS. THE MEMBERS OF THE OAU, KASSIS CONCLUDES, HAVE UNANIMOUSLY RALLIED TO THE SUPPORT OF MACHEL'S POLICY. STOESEL

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